

January 28, 2011

To: Executive Board

Subject: **Contract Award – Environmental Consulting Services for San Gabriel Valley Park and Ride**

Recommendation

Authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Terry A. Hayes Associates LLC to complete the environmental documentation required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed park and ride facility in the city of Azusa in the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Nine Hundred Six Dollars (\$200,906) .

Authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Rincon Consultants, Inc. to complete the documentation required under the NEPA and CEQA for the proposed park and ride facility in the City of Industry in the amount of One Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Four Dollars (\$137,944) .

Background

On October 1, 2010, Foothill Transit issued Request for Proposals (RFP) 11-018 seeking proposals from qualified firms or individuals to provide environmental consulting services in connection with the development of a proposed park and ride facility or facilities to be located in the San Gabriel Valley. Since the over-all project will be partially funded by federal grants, Foothill Transit must adhere to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and prepare appropriate documentation in order to obtain environmental clearance from the Federal Transit Administration. Similarly, environmental reviews and the preparation of appropriate documentation will be required to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The consultant will identify the potential adverse environmental effects of the proposed project and the potential level of the significance of the impacts before and after mitigation. The consultant, either directly or under a subcontract, will conduct a traffic analysis to determine what if any significant impacts will result from new traffic generated by the project, or, if appropriate, recommend physical and/or improvements necessary to accommodate traffic impacts.

Nine proposals were received on November 9, 2010. Because of the different environmental complexities at each proposed project site, staff is recommending a specific consultant whose experience and working knowledge with the Federal Transit Administration would complement a specific proposed park and ride site. The top two highest-rated proposers were selected and based on their experience a project site was assigned.

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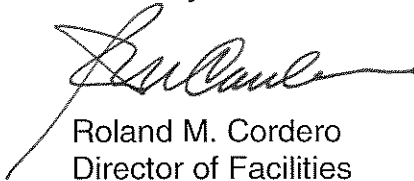
Terry A. Hayes Associates LLC (TAHA) was selected for the Azusa park and ride project. TAHA has extensive experience in providing environmental services to public agencies and cities throughout California and the United States. TAHA has worked on numerous projects in the San Gabriel Valley area, namely with the Alameda Corridor East Construction Authority for approximately 10 years on various grade separation projects.

Rincon Consultants, Inc. was selected to prepare the environmental documentation relative to the City of Industry park and ride project. Rincon has extensive experience performing environmental reviews on both parking facility and transportation related projects with a variety of urban development projects throughout the San Gabriel Valley area.

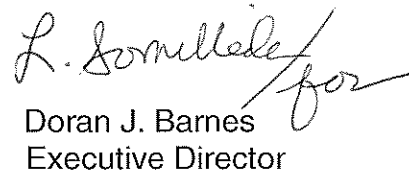
Fiscal Impact

Included in the Fiscal Year 2011 Capital Budget are \$20.6 million for the San Gabriel Valley Park and Ride Project.

Sincerely,



Roland M. Cordero
Director of Facilities



Doran J. Barnes
Executive Director